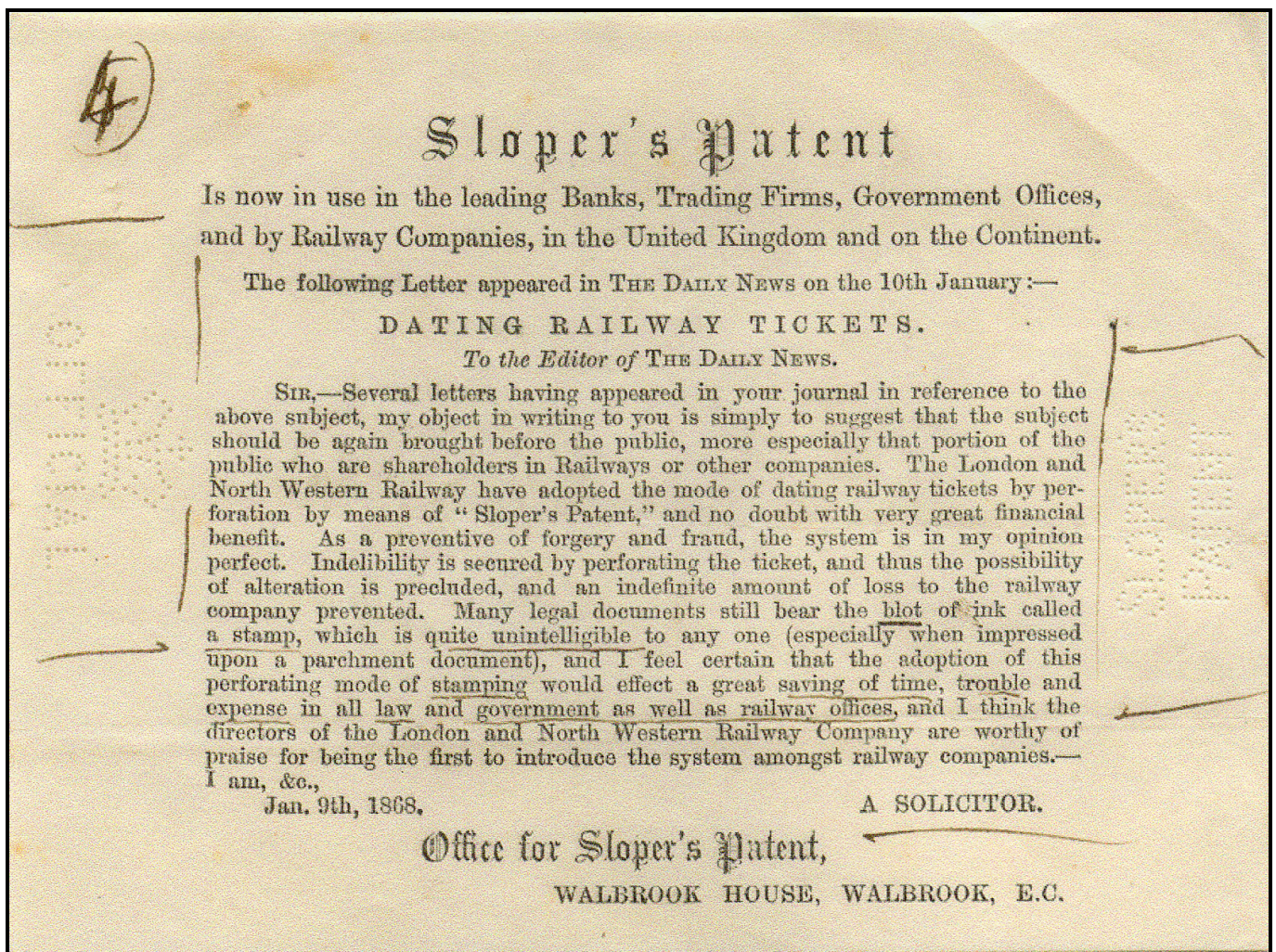


ANOTHER SLOPER ADVERTISING LEAFLET


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Illustration of leaflet from Mike Cole

All the advertising leaflets I have seen for Sloper's perforating system have been for perforating postage stamps. The early leaflets do not have a year date on them, just a day and month on which a particular newspaper article was published. The newspaper articles were about Court cases against persons accused of stealing postage stamps, receiving stolen stamps or encashing stolen stamps at the Post Office.



Mike Cole has sent a photocopy of an earlier advertising leaflet, dated Jan.9th, 1868. This was for using his patent to date railway tickets. The date was just prior to March 13th, 1868, when Sloper received permission from the Postmaster General to perforate postage stamps with initials. I am publishing two copies of this because one clearly shows the wording, whilst the other picks up the perforations on the side of the leaflet. These perforations, 'Sloper's Patent' and 'Crown/Official', are exact copies of the ones shown on the earliest known advertising leaflet for perforating postage stamps. This was illustrated in Bulletin 272 page 13.



Sloper's Patent

Is now in use in the leading Banks, Trading Firms, Government Offices,
and by Railway Companies, in the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

The following Letter appeared in THE DAILY NEWS on the 10th January:—

DATING RAILWAY TICKETS.

To the Editors of THE DAILY NEWS.

SIR,—Several Letters having appeared in your Journal in reference to the above subject, my object in writing to you is simply to suggest that the subject should be again brought before the public, more especially that portion of the public who are shareholders in Railways or other companies. The London and North Western Railway have adopted the mode of dating railway tickets by perforation by means of "Sloper's Patent," and no doubt with very great financial benefit. As a preventive of forgery and fraud, the system is in my opinion perfect. Indelibility is secured by perforating the ticket, and thus the possibility of alteration is precluded, and an indefinite amount of loss to the railway company prevented. Many legal documents still bear the old stamp called a stamp, which is quite unintelligible to any one (especially when impressed upon a parchment document), and I feel certain that the adoption of this perforating mode of stamping would effect a great saving of time, trouble and expense in all law and government as well as railway offices, and I think the directors of the London and North Western Railway Company are worthy of praise for being the first to introduce the system amongst railway companies.—

I am, Sir,
Jan. 9th, 1868,

A SOLICITOR.

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